

State Water Resources Control Board

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ISSUANCE OF NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY AND APPROVAL OF WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN, CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE KLAMATH RIVER RENEWAL CORPORATION'S KLAMATH RIVER RENEWAL PROJECT – SEDIMENT COLLECTION AND GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, SISKIYOU COUNTY

On September 30, 2018¹, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received an application from the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC)² requesting coverage under the State Water Board's March 17, 2017, General Water Quality Certification and Order (General Order)³ for the Klamath River Renewal Project – Sediment Collection and Geotechnical Investigations (Project). The KRRRC's Project involves: 1) sediment collection from Iron Gate and Copco reservoirs (Attachment 1 – Maps of Sediment Collection Locations); and 2) geotechnical investigations of Iron Gate and Copco reservoirs (Attachment 2 – Maps of Core Sample Collection and Soil Depth Measurement Locations). Additionally, on September 30, 2018, the KRRRC provided the State Water Board with a Water Quality Monitoring Plan to ensure Project activities do not impact water quality (Attachment 3 – Water Quality Monitoring Plan). Project activities are scheduled to take place between October and November 2018. The Project is not part of the KRRRC's pending water quality certification application for decommissioning and surrender of the Lower Klamath Project under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 14803 and this Notice of Applicability (NOA) does not apply to those decommissioning activities.

State Water Board staff's understanding is that Project activities are anticipated to be permitted under United States Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 6 – Survey Activities (NWP No. 6) and will be subject to the conditions and requirements contained therein. This NOA will be effective upon issuance of a NWP No. 6. After reviewing the application and supplemental materials, State Water Board staff determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under the General Order, issued pursuant to section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, as the Project involves minor ground-disturbing activities to gather scientific information as

¹ The application was originally submitted September 14, 2018, and was amended September 30, 2018, to include geotechnical investigations and a Water Quality Monitoring Plan.

² Dr. Kate Stenberg with CDM Smith filed the application on behalf of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation.

³ Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Order for the State Water Board Certification of the 2017 Nationwide Permits. This General Order is available electronically at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_go.pdf